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In re Patent Application of)	MAIL STOP AFTER FINAL
Keiichirou KAI et al.)	Group Art Unit: 1623
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AMENDMENT AND REPLY

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In complete response to the final Office Action dated July 8, 2008, Applicants submit herewith the following Amendment and Reply. Also submitted herewith is a Declaration Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.132 of Keiichirou Kai; figures and tables cited in the Amendment and Reply (seven sheets); an Information Disclosure Statement; and a Two-Month Petition for Extension of Time extending the period for response from October 8, 2008 to December 8, 2008.